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Many Hoosier families struggle financially, and can't afford to pay for essential health care services. In these instances, Medicaid covers the costs of necessary medical treatments with state and federal funds.

To keep costs as low as possible, and to ensure tax dollars are being spent properly, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) polices unscrupulous practices and enforces state health care laws.

ABOUT MEDICAID FRAUD

Medicaid fraud is a crime. It occurs whenever doctors, dentists, pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes or other health care providers attempt to collect Medicaid monies that are not rightfully theirs.

These are the most common types of Medicaid fraud:

- Billing Medicaid for services that a patient did not receive
- Billing excessively for services
- Billing for services that were unnecessary

ABOUT THE MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is an investigative branch of the attorney general's office. It conducts investigations to uncover misuse of Medicaid funds. When it finds a provider in violation of Medicaid rules, it presents a case to state or federal prosecutors for appropriate action.

The three main areas of investigation are as follows:

- Medicaid provider fraud
- Misuse of Medicaid recipients' funds
- Patient abuse or neglect in Medicaid facilities

IF YOU SUSPECT MEDICAID FRAUD

Abuse of the Medicaid system is a serious crime. If you suspect provider fraud, call the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's hotline at 1.800.382.1039.